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SUBJECT: MEZVINSKY VISIT TO SANTIAGO

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1. AS NOTED REFTEL, USREP TO UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
EDWARD MEZVINSKY VISITED SANTIAGO APRIL 10-11 AT THE
INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO DISCUSS THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LATEST RESOLUTION OF THE UN HUMAN
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RIGHTS COMMISSION ON CHILE. RESPONSES TO REFTEL (KARACHI
1839, DAKAR 2734, VIENNA 3381) NOTED EXPECTATION OF EACH
OF THREE MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP CONTACTED OF FURTHER
WORD FROM MEZVINSKY AFTER HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

2. MEZVINSKY REQUESTS THAT ADDRESSEE POSTS INFORM MEMBERS
OF UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON

CHILE OF RESULTS OF HIS VISIT AS FOLLOWS:

(A) MEZVINSKY MET SEVERAL TIMES WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER VALDES AND OTHER FOREIGNMINISTRY OFFICIALS, INCLUDING CHILE'S UN AMBASSADOR SERGIO DIEZ, AND TWICE WITH PRESIDENT PINOCHET. IN ALL HIS CONVERSATIONS, MEZVINSKY UNDERLINED THAT HE WAS IN NO POSITION TO COMMIT THE WORKING GROUP ON SPECIFIC DETAILS AND THAT THESE WOULD

HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE AND THE GROUP'S MEMBERS. MEZVINSKY'S OVERALL IMPRESSION IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE DESIRES THAT A VISIT OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP BE ARRANGED AND THAT WHEN NEXT THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE THE GOC WILL DISPLAY REASONABLE FLEXIBILITY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS END.

(B) THE QUESTION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP FOR A VISIT WAS FAVORABLY COMMENTED UPON BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN VIEW OF THE DISCUSSIONS WHICH MEZVINSKY HAD WITH EACH OF THE THREE WORKING GROUP MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY IN GENEVA.

(C) MEZVINSKY'S IMPRESSION IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS PREPARED TO ASSURE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND ACCESS FOR THE GROUP WITHIN CHILE AS WELL AS PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURITY FOR THE GROUP, AS THE GROUP MAY REQUEST.

(D) MEZVINSKY ALSO FEELS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IS PREPARED TO PLACE NO RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONS FROM WHOM THE GROUP MAY SEEK INFORMATION AND TO ASSURE ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PERTINENT RECORDS.

(E) MEZVINSKY HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE QUESTION OF PUBLICITY MAY BE TROUBLESOME AND THAT AT THE LEAST THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WILL EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT THE VISIT OF THE WORKING GROUP PRIOR TO THE VISIT.

(F) MEZVINSKY CONSIDERS THAT, AS A MINIMUM, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WILL WANT AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT INFORMATION AND ITS VIEWS TO THE GROUP WHILE IT IS IN CHILE AS WELL AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO HAVE ITS VIEWS INCORPORATED IN THE GROUP'S FINAL REPORT, TOGETHER WITH AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ITS COOPERATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS.

3. IN MAKING ABOVE POINTS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC

WORKING GROUP POSTS SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT EACH OF THE GENERAL POINTS INVOLVES MANY RELATED DETAILS, ALL OF WHICH WILL NEED TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE.

4. MEZVINSKY WAS INFORMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WILL SHORTLY SEND A LETTER TO THE WORKING GROUP ACCEPTING THEIR INVITATION TO MEET IN MAY IN NEW YORK.

5. FOR KARACHI: MEZVINSKY HAS TELEPHONED ALLANA

APRIL 17 TO INFORM HIM THAT A REPORT ON HIS TRIP WOULD BE GIVEN TO HIM BY AMCONSUL KARACHI. IN HIS CONVERSATION ALLANA INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SCHEDULE A CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING BETWEEN THE WORKING GROUP AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN NEW YORK TO BEGIN ON MAY 22. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD COME TO NEW YORK A FEW DAYS EARLIER, PROBABLY BY MAY 19. PLEASE INFORM ALLANA THAT MEZVINSKY WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH ALLANA IN NEW YORK AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. IF ALLANA WISHES TO TELEPHONE MEZVINSKY PRIOR TO COMING TO NEW YORK, HE CAN BE REACHED IN NEW YORK AT (212) 826-4470 (USUN OFFICE).

6. FOR VIENNA AND DAKAR: PLEASE INFORM ERMACORA AND DIEYE THAT MEZVINSKY HAS SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE WITH AD HOC WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN ALLANA. ALLANA STATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SCHEDULE A MEETING BETWEEN THE WORKING GROUP AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE IN NEW YORK TO BEGIN MAY 22. IF EITHER OF THE TWO WILL BE ARRIVING IN NEW YORK A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THAT DATE, MEZVINSKY WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH THEM AT A MUTUALLY AGREED UPON TIME. CHRISTOPHER

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